

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 347

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School girls' basketball team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Clay County High School girls' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of our admiration; and

WHEREAS, returning to the state tournament for the first time since 2012, the Clay County High School girls' basketball team defeated Huntland 60-53 in the sectional game to punch their ticket to Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Clay County easily handled their opponent in the quarterfinals, defeating Trenton Peabody 59-38 to advance to the semifinals, where they fell to eventual state champions Loretto to finish the season with a remarkable final record of 21-11; and

WHEREAS, the members of this exceptional team are Rachel Copass, Katie Arms, Hannah Raines, Cherokee Upton, Eliza Jenkins, Zoe Hayes, Lauren Weaver, Abby Head, Briley Burchett, Kenady May, Baleigh Watson, Isabella Hale, Madison Hayes, Emma Walker, Kendall Matthews, Halle Buford, and Bella Ashlock; and team managers, Kaylee Riddle, Serenity Rich, Paige Matthews, and Lexi Head; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2020-2021 season, the Clay County girls' basketball team enjoyed the stellar leadership of their head coach, Matt Walker, and assistant coaches, Andrew Meadows and Josh Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clay County High School girls' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a winning season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Clay County High School girls' basketball team for their outstanding performance this season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School girls' basketball team upon a highly successful 2020-2021 season and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.